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Invited Speakers

A number of prominent scientists and other professionals will give inspiring lectures, and share their experiences and views on integrated assessment of global environmental issues. Speakers include (amongst others):

Frans Berkhout, Vrije Universiteit, the Netherlands

Leen Hordijk, Institute for Environment & Sustainability, Italy

Ekko Van Ierland, Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Catrinus Jepma, Groningen University, the Netherlands

André Jol, European Environmental Agency, Denmark

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Naki Nakicenovic, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Austria

Jan Pronk, Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands

Richard Tol, Economic and Social Research Institute, Ireland

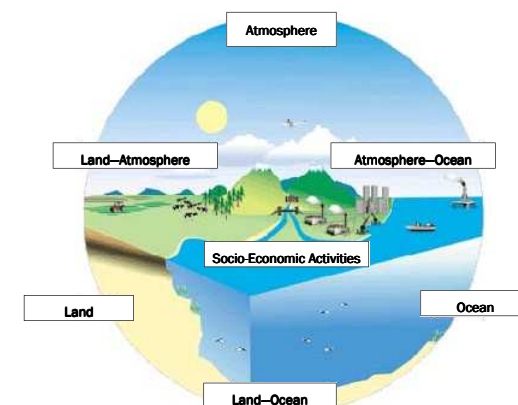


Lectures by and discussions with prominent scientists

S340

Postgraduate International Course

Integrated Assessment of Global Environmental Change: Causes and Responses



9—16 November 2008



Integrated Assessment of Global Environmental Change

Many aspects of our planet are changing rapidly due to human activity. Over the last 50 years, humans have changed ecosystems faster and more extensively than in any other comparable period of time. All these changes, including climate change, land use change, pollution and biodiversity loss are strongly interrelated and cannot be seen in isolation. Because their impacts influence the entire planet, the combined changes are commonly recognized as global environmental change.

Objectives of the course:

- to study and understand the causes of global change and possible responses;
- to learn how to use scientific information in Integrated Assessments

The course is not only meant to discuss the latest scientific findings on global change issues, but also to train skills that are needed for making this knowledge available for policy making.

This multidisciplinary course is especially intended for PhD students from the natural and social sciences.

Course set-up

The course will consist of lectures by international scientists, model exercises and exercises in communicating and writing for Integrated Assessments. Besides the regular lectures, each day will end with a stimulating aperitif lecture, which will include controversial and philosophical topics.

Active discussion during lectures will be stimulated through the use of propositions formulated by participants themselves. Furthermore, interaction with lecturers and fellow participants will be encouraged through poster presentations. Finally, a small group assignment guided by topical research questions, will lead to a mutual exchange of ideas and experiences.



Program

The final program is still under development. In due course, a detailed program of the course will be available through the SENSE website: <http://www.sense.nl/courses/course/S340>

Location

The course will take place at hotel 'Hampshire Inn – Mooi Veluwe' in Putten, the Netherlands.

Application

The course is primarily intended for PhD students and is limited to 30 participants. However, motivated post-docs and other researchers are also encouraged to apply.

You can send your application to the SENSE Education Desk (educationdesk@sense.nl) **before 22nd of September 2008**, including:

- Your name
- Name and address of research group
- Status (e.g. PhD student, postdoc)
- If applicable: graduate school name
- A short motivation letter
- Curriculum Vitae

After a selection procedure, you will be notified about your participation late September 2008. You can also register online <http://www.sense.nl/courses/course/S340>.

Fee

The course fee is € 500, except for PhD students from SENSE, PE&RC and Mansholt with an approved Education Plan (TSP), for whom the fee is € 350. For participants from developing countries, the fee may be waived. The fee covers full pension overnight stay from 9 to 16th of November (incl. coffee, tea, lunch, dinner) and course materials.

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